



**T**he exceſſe of apparel, and the ſuperfluities of unnecellary foireyne wares thereto be-  
longyng, nowe of late yeres is growen by ſufferance to ſuche an extremitie, that  
the manifeſt decay, not onely of a great part of the wealth of the whole Realme ge-  
nerally is like to ſolow, by bringyng into the Realme ſuch ſuperfluities of Silkes,  
Clothes of gold, Syluer, and other moſt baine detrices, of ſo great coſt for the quan-  
tity thereof, as of neceſſitie the moneyes and treaſure of the Realme is and muſte  
be pecerly conueryed out of the ſame, to anſweare the ſayde exceſſe: but alſo particu-  
lerly the waſting and vndoing of a great number of young Gentlemen, otherwiſe  
ſeruifable, and others ſeekyng by the we of apparel to be eſteemed as Gentlemen:  
who allured by the bayne ſhewe of thoſe thynges, doo not onely conſume them ſelues, their goodes, and landes,  
whiche their parentes haue left vnto them, but alſo runne into ſuche debtes and ſittes, as they can not lyue out  
of daunger of lawes, without attemptyng of vnlawful actes, whereby they are not any wayes ſeruifable to their  
Countrey, as otherwiſe they might be. Whiche great abuſes tending both to ſo manifeſt a decay of the wealth of  
the Realme, and to the ruine of a multitude of ſeruifable young men and Gentlemen, and of many good families,  
the Queenes maieſtie hath of her owne princely wiſedome ſo conſidered, as ſhe hath of late with great charge  
to her Counſell, commaunded the ſame to be preſently and ſpeedily remedied both in her owne Courte, and in all  
other places of her Realme, accordyng to ſundry good Lawes heretofore prouided. For reformation whereof, al-  
though her hyghneſſe myght take great aduantage and profite by execution of the ſayde Lawes and Statutes:  
yet of her princely clemencie, her Maieſtie is content at this tyme to geue warnyng to her louing ſubiectes to re-  
tourne them ſelues, and not to extende ſoothwith the rigour of her Lawes, for the offences heretofore paſt, ſo as  
they ſhal nowe reſourne them ſelues accordyng to ſuch orders, as at this preſent ſoynly with this Proclamation  
are ſet ſooth, whereby the Statute of the. xliiii. yere of her Maieſties moſt noble father kyng Henry the eght,  
and the Statute made in the ſeconde yere of her late deere ſyſter Queene Mary, are in ſome part moderated, ac-  
cordyng to this tyme. Wherefore her Maieſtie willety and ſtraightly commaundeth all maner of perſons in all  
places, within twelue dayes after the publication of this preſent Proclamation, to reſourne their apparel accor-  
dyng to the tenour of certayne articles and clauſes taken out of the ſayde Statutes, and with ſome moderations  
annexed to this Proclamation, vpon payne of her hyghneſſe indignation, and puniſhment for their contemptes,  
and ſuche other paynes as in the ſayde ſeſeral Statutes be expreſſed.

For the execution of which orders, her Maieſtie firſt geueth ſpecial charge to al ſuche as doo beare office within  
her moſt honourable houſe, to looke vnto it, eche perſon in his degree and office, that the ſayde articles and orders  
be duely obſerued, and the contrary reſourmed in her Maieſties Courte, by al them who are vnder their office,  
therby to geue example to the reſt of the Realme. And further generally to al Noble men, of what eſtate or degree  
ſouer they be, and al and euery perſon of her pryncie Counſell. To al Archebiſhoppes, and Biſhoppes, and to the  
reſt of the Clergie, accordyng to their degrees, that they doo ſee the ſame ſpeedily and duely executed in their pri-  
uate houſholdes and families. And to al Mayors, and other head officers of Cities, Townes, and Corporations.  
To the Chancellers of the vniuerſities, to Gouvernours of Colledges, to the Auncientes and Benchers in eu-  
ery the Innes of the Court and Chauncerie, and generally to all that hath any ſuperioritie or government ouer  
and vpon any multitude, and eche man in his owne houſhold for their chyldren and ſeruantes, that they likewiſe  
doo cauſe the ſayd orders to be kept by al lawful meanes that they can.

And to the intent the ſame might be better kept generally throughout al the Realme, her Maieſtie geueth alſo  
ſpecial charge to all Juſtices of the peace, to inquire of the defaultes and breakyng of thoſe orders in their quarter  
ſeſſions, and to ſee them redreſſed in all open aſſemblies, by al wyſe, godly, and lawfull meanes: and alſo to all  
Juſtices of Aſſiſes in their Circuites, to cauſe inquire, and due preſentment to be made at their next Aſſiſes, howe  
theſe orders be kept. And ſo orderly twiſe in the yere at euery Aſſiſe, after eche of their Circuites done, to certifie  
in wytyng to her hyghneſſe pryncie Counſell, vnder their handes, with as conuenient ſpeeche as they may, what  
hath ben founde and done as wel by the Juſtices of the Peace in their quarter ſeſſions, of whom they ſhall take  
their certifiſcat for eche quarter ſeſſions, as alſo at the Aſſiſes, for the obſeruyng of the ſayd orders, and reforma-  
tion of the abuſes. Given at our Manour of Grenewich the. xv. day of June in the. xli. yere of our raigne,

*God ſaue the Queene.*



# A brieve content of certayne clauses

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of the Statute of King Henry the eight, and Queene Mary,

with some moderations thereof, to be obserued accordyng to her Maiesties Proclamation about mentioned.

## Mens apparel.

Sylke of the colour of purple, Cloth of golde tissued, nor furre of Sables.	but only the	Kyng. Queene. Kynges	Bocher. Chyldren. Brethren and sisters. Uncles & Auncles.	and except	Dukes, Marqueses, & Carles, who may weare & same in Dublets, Jerkins, linynges of Clokes, Cownes, and Hose. And those of the Garter, Purple in Mantels only.
Cloth of Golde. Syluer. Tinseld Satten. Sylke, or cloth myxt or embroidered with any golde or syluer.				excepte	All degrees above viscountes, and viscountes, Barons, and other persons of lyke degrees, in Dublets, Jerkins, linynges of Clokes, Cownes, and Hose.
woollen cloth made out of the Realme, but in Cappes only.					
veluet {Crimson or Scarlet.				excepte	Dukes, Marqueses, Carles and viscountes, Barons, and knyghtes, beyng companions of the Garter, or any person beyng of the priue Counsel.
furres {Blache Fenets. Lusernes.					
Embroiderie, or Taylers worke, haupng golde, or syluer, or pearle therein.					
veluet in {Cownes, Coates, or other btttermost garmentes.				excepte	Men of the degrees above mentioned, Barons sonnes, knyghtes, and Gentlemen in ordinarie office attendant vpon her Maiesties person, and suche as haue ben employed in Amballages to forraigne princes.
furre of Libardes.					
Embroiderie with any sylke.					
Cappes, Hattes. Hatbandes, Capbandes. Garters, Bootehose. Sylke Netherstockes. Enamelled {Chaynes. Buttons. Aglets.	trimmed with	Golde, or Syluer, or Pearle.		excepte	Men of the degrees above mentioned, the Gentlemen attendyng vpon the Queenes person in her hyghnesse priue chaumber, or in the office of Cupbearer, Caruer, Shewer, Esquier for the body, Gentlemen ushers, or Equires of the Stable.
Satten. Damask. Sylke Chamlet. or Cassata, in furre wherof the kynde groweth not within the Queenes dominions, excepte foynes, graye Fenets and Budge.				excepte	The degrees and persons above mentioned, and men that may dispende. C. li. by the yeere, and so valued in the subsidie booke.
Hatte, Bonnet, Gyrdle, Scabberdes of wordes, daggers, &c. Shoes and Pantophles.				excepte	The degrees and persons above named, and the sonne and heyre apparant of a knyght.
Sylke, other then Satten, Damask, Cassata, Chamlet, in Dublets; and Sarcenet, Chamlet, or Cassata, in lacyng of Cownes and Clokes, and in Coates, Jackets, Jerkins, Coyfes, Purles, beyng not of colour Scarlet, Crimson, or Blewe.				excepte	Men of the degrees and persons above mentioned, sonne of a knyght, or sonne and heyre apparant of a man of. CCC. Marke lande by yeere, so valued in the subsidie booke, and men that may dispende, xl. li. by the yeere, so valued, vt supra.
furre of {foynes, graye Fenets, or other, as the lyke groweth not in the Queenes dominions.					
Spurres. Swordes. Rapiers. Daggers. Shapnes. Woodknyues, or Dangers. Buckles of Gyrdles.				excepte	Knyghtes and Barons sonnes, and other of higher degree or place, and Gentlemen in ordinarie office attendaunt vpon the Queenes Maiesties person, which Gentlemen so attendaunt, may weare al the premises, sayng gylt, syluered, or Damasked Spurres.
		Gylt. Syluered, or Damasked.			



{	Trappings of harnesse of their horse, any	Studdes, Buckels, & gilt, syluered	except	the persons next before mentioned, and others of hygher degrees, and Gentlemen in ordina- rie, vt supra.
		or other garniture, or damasked, no: Styrupes gilt, syluered, or damasked, no: any beluet in Sad- dels of horse trappers.		

{	Chauncellour. Treasourer. President of the Counsell. Prinse Seale.	may weare any	veluet, Saten, or other sylkes, except Purpure.
			furres, excepte blache Tenets.

{	Kynges Counsell. Iudices of eyther Benche. Barons of the Exchequer. Maister of the Rolles. Sergeauntes at lawe. Maisters of the Chauncerie. Of the Queenes Counsell. Apprentises of lawe. Phisitions of the Kyng, Queene, and Prince. Mayors and other head officers of any townes corporate. Barons of the b. Portes.	except	veluet.	of the colour	Crimson, Violet, Purpure, Blewe.
			Damaskie.		
			Saten.		

Note that her Maiesties meanyng is not, by this order, to forbyd in any person the wearyng of sylke But-  
tons, the facing of Coates, Clokes, Hattes, and Cappes, for comlynesse only with Taffata, Grograyne,  
Veluet, or other sylke as is commonly vsed.

Note also that the meanyng of this order, is not to prohibite a seruaunt from wearyng of any cognifance  
of his maister, or Henchmen, Heraldes, Pursseuauntes at armes, Runners at lustes, Turnaies, or suche  
marciall feates, and suche as weare apparel geuen by the Queene, and suche as shal haue licence from  
the Queene for the same.

### ¶ Womens apparrell.

{	Cloth of	Golde, Tissue, no: furre of	except	Duchesses, Marqueses, and Countesses, in their Gownes, Kirtles, Partiettes, and Sleeues.
		Sables.		
{	Cloth of	Golde.	except	All degrees aboue viscountesses, and viscount- esses, Baronesses, and other personages of like degrees, in theyr Kirtles and Sleeues.
		Syluer. Tinseld Saten.		
{	Silke or cloth myxed or imbrodered with Golde, or Syluer, or Pearle, sauing sylke mixed with Golde or Syluer in lynynges of Caules, Parte- lets, and Sleeues.		except	All degrees aboue mentioned.
{	veluet	Crimson.	except	The wyues of
		Carnation.		
{	furres	Blache Tenettes.	except	Knights of the Garter, and of the prinse Counsell.
		Lufernes.		
{	Embode- rie or passe- met lace of	Golde or Syluer.	except	The Ladies and gentlewomen of
				the prinse Chamber, and bed Chamber, and Maydens of honor.



Velvet in Gownes.  
Furres of Lardes.  
Embroiderie of Sylke.

excepte The degrees and persons aboue mentioned, the wyues of Barons sonnes, or of knyghtes.

Cauls.  
Sleeues.  
Partiettes, and ly-  
nynges, trymmed.  
Cauls of Golde, or Syluer, or  
of Sylke myxed with Golde or Syluer.

excepte The degrees and persons aboue mentioned, and trymmed with Pearle, none vnder the degree of a Baronesse, or those of lyke degrees.

Enamelled  
Chaynes.  
Buttons.  
Iglottes.  
Borders.

excepte The degrees before mentioned.

Saten,  
Damaske,  
or tuffed Cassata  
furre, wherof the kynde groweth not within  
the Queenes dominions, excepte foynes,  
gray Jettetes, Budge, and wdoofe.

excepte The degrees and persons aboue mentioned, or the wyues of those that maye dispende. C. li. by the yere, and so valued in the Subsidie booke.

Gownes of  
Sylke Grogayne.  
Dubled Sarcenet.  
Chamlet, or Cassata,  
or Kytles of Saten,  
or Damaske.

excepte The degrees and persons aboue mentioned, & the wyues of the sonnes and heires of knyghtes, and the daughters of knyghtes, and of suche as maye dispende. iii. C. markes by the yere, so valued vt supra, and the wyues of those that maye dispende xl. li. by the yere.

Gentlewomen at  
tendaunt vpon  
Duchesses,  
Marquesses,  
Countesses,  
may weare in their luyeries geuen them by their mistresses, as the wyues of those that maye dispende. C. li. by the yere, and are so valued, vt supra.

Gentlewomen at  
tendaunt vpon.  
Viscountes wyues,  
and Barons wyues,  
may weare in their luyeries, as the daughters of suche as maye dispende. iii. C. markes by the yere, and as the wyues of those that maye dispende. xl. li. valued, vt supra.

Veluet, tuffed Cassata,  
Saten, or any Golde, or  
Syluer, in their Petticotes.

excepte Wyues of Barons, knyghtes of the order, or Counsellours, Ladies, and Gentlewomen of the priue chamber, & bed chamber, & the maidens of hono.

Damaske, Cassata,  
or other Sylke in  
their Petticotes.

excepte Knyghtes daughters, & suche as be matched with them in the former article, who shal not weare a garde of any Sylke vpon their Petticotes.

Veluet, tuffed Cassata,  
Saten, nor any Golde,  
or Syluer in anye  
Cloke or Saue-  
garde.

excepte The wyues of Barons, knyghtes of the order, or Counsellours, Ladies, and Gentlewomen of the priue chamber, and bedde chamber, and the maydens of hono., and al degrees aboue them.

Damaske,  
Cassata, or  
other Sylke  
in any Cloke or Sauegarde.

excepte Knyghtes wyues, and the degrees and persons aboue mentioned.

\* No persons vnder the degrees aboue specified, shal weare any garde or welt of Sylke, vpon any Peucoate, cloake, or Sauegarde.

*God saue the Queene.*

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